

Application Serial No: 10/528754
Responsive to the Office Action mailed on: June 28, 2007

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 28, 2007. Claims 1 and 2 are amended. Claim 1 is amended editorially to include features of claim 2. Claim 2 is amended editorially to track claim 1 and to include features supported, for example, in the specification on page 13, lines 1-3. No new matter is added. Claims 1-5 and 7 are pending.

§103 Rejections:

Claims 1-5 and 7 are rejected as being unpatentable over Ide (WO 99/06877 equivalent to US Patent No. 6,707,515) in view of Fukutani (US Patent No. 5,264,952). This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to a composite display unit that requires, among other features, a reflective polarization plate that is constituted as a dielectric multi-layered film with birefringence.

The combination of Ide and Fukutani does not teach or suggest these features. The rejection asserts that the reflection-type polarizing film (14) of Ide is the reflective polarization plate of claim 1. However, Ide is silent as to whether the reflection-type polarizing film (14) is formed of a multi-layered dielectric film and has birefringence. Ide merely discloses that the reflection-type polarizing film (14) is an optical film with a trade name of DBEF and marketed by Sumitomo 3M Co., Ltd. (see column 4, lines 45-47 of the Ide US patent). Fukutani does not overcome these deficiencies and is merely provided to show a polarization plate joined directly to the first transparent composite unit. For at least these reasons claim 1 is not suggested by the combination of Ide and Fukutani. Claims 2-5 and 7 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

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Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-5 and 7 are in condition for allowance.
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.



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